

7 June 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: S. 1035

1. I telephoned John Macy today to talk about S. 1035. He will testify next week on behalf of the Administration and will oppose the bill generally as being unnecessary. If this doesn't get anywhere, which it almost certainly won't, he proposes to plead for a bill written in much broader terms which would leave considerable discretion to the Executive Branch. He is, in fact, working with the Chairman of the Subcommittee on a totally revised bill which would spell out not only the rights of employees but also their obligations. He expects to have a clean draft of this bill by 10 June. He will send me a copy and would appreciate our comments.

2. I asked John if he intended or would make a special plea on behalf of the sensitive agencies such as CIA. He said that he intended to take up each section of the bill and to point out the problems it posed for the Government generally as well as for the sensitive agencies. He urged, however, that the intelligence community make a plea on its own behalf. I told him that we intended to do this but would appreciate any assistance he could give us. He pledged to do his best.

3. I then telephoned Sam Hughes, Deputy Director of the Bureau of the Budget, who referred me to Herb Jasper. I talked to Jasper who at first didn't seem to know what was going on and didn't want to become too involved because he is going on leave next week. He finally said that Mr. Vic Zafra was working on the bill, and it soon became very clear that the Bureau didn't really anticipate doing anything on behalf of the Administration, depending entirely on John Macy's presentation. I told Jasper that I

thought this was a mistake and that I was under the strongest impression that one of the reasons we got short shrift in the Senate was because no one other than John Macy took a position on behalf of the Administration.

4. Mr. Jasper then suggested that we file a voluntary report to the Chairman of the Subcommittee and get it to the Bureau of the Budget either today or Monday with a letter of transmittal addressed to Wilfred H. Rommel, the Assistant Director for Legislative Reference, who is on leave this week. He suggested that our letter of transmittal contain the following language: "Enactment of the bill would not be in accord with the program of the President." This apparently is the gimmick that ensures that the Bureau of the Budget takes the matter seriously.

5. I told Mr. Jasper that the Director was very much interested in this and that he might choose to take it up with someone at the White House.

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